

MINUTES
Joint Trempealeau County Executive/Finance Committee
And Law Enforcement Committee
March 15, 2010

Committee Chair Dick Miller called the joint meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. in the Wisconsin Room of the Courthouse in Whitehall, Wisconsin.

Committee Members present:

Wally Geske John Bortle (arrived at 6:15)
Dick Miller Paul Halderson
Sheree Nelson Geraldine Van Tassel
Barbara Semb Deloras Vind
Douglas Winters Rob Reichwein (arrived at 6:25)

Others in attendance:

Rich Anderson LaVerne Michalak
Dan Schreiner Mary Martin
Steve Duberstein Bill Nelson
Mark Smick John Thompson
Dave Steinhoff Dave Kahn

Dick Miller oversaw the meeting and declared that the open meeting law requirements were met.

Geraldine Van Tassel made a motion to approve the 5 item agenda and Douglas Winters seconded it. Motion carried unanimously.

Communication System Project Contract

Sheree explained that the County sent the proposed vendor, Motorola, an alternate proposal to which they responded back to two alternate proposals for the County. She handed out a sheet showing the differences in all 4 proposals. She explained that the first proposal from Motorola was asking for 25% of the project upon signing which would mean about \$600,000 which would come from the general fund and leave that account depleted. So the County proposed 0% upon signing and 10% upon provision of a performance bond. Steve, representing Motorola explained that they buy all the equipment at once then put it together at their site to make sure everything works then they take it piece by piece to the county sites, as the sites become ready. Because of how they order they don't want to have to take out a loan for the equipment purchase. Steve said we get a better price as long as we pay when we order otherwise we need to add about \$100,000 more to the project. The estimated contract amount is \$2.3 million. \$350,000 will be subtracted off for equipment purchase and then the percentage proposal applies to the remaining money and project. Licensing is included in the contract and for the entire first year everything is covered except something like a lightning strike. The shelters would be a separate line item as they are the last thing to go in at each site. Wally Geske preferred the 2nd proposal from Motorola as it requires 20% down at the end of the project instead of 10% after 90 days of acceptance for the entire system. They are looking at a timeframe of about 16 months from start to finish. **Barbara Semb made a motion to go with alternate proposal #2 and Wally Geske seconded it.** LaVerne said either proposal was good. Sheree Nelson asked what we do if we don't agree on the detail design. LaVerne said there is mediation language in the RFP. **Motion carried unanimously.** Douglas Winters asked who will be the project manager. Sheree found three positions listed in the contract: field rep, project manager and project director, and a committee called Radio Users Committee. Dave from Elerts assumed that would be our Law Enforcement Committee. Dan Schreiner would like to see local law enforcement, firefighters and first responders also on that committee. Geraldine said the Law Enforcement Committee already asked Dan and he said that if the committee felt he was capable he would be the project manager with no extra cost to the county. Dave from Elerts said Dan would be able to do the project manager position as he wouldn't need any technical training. He said this is a very common way to fill this position. Deloras did contact references for Motorola and the feedback she received was generally good, but one had a problem fixing individual, handheld radios and one source said they were somewhat expensive. Rich said he also contacted other municipalities that have worked with Motorola and found the several people he talked with give them excellent references and just one had a paging issue that is currently being worked on.

Dick Miller adjourned the joint meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Douglas Winters
Executive/Finance Secretary/mm

